

EC-4052. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clothing Allowance" (RIN2900—AN64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4053. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Alan S. Thompson, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4054. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to internal procedures and processes for addressing ongoing postmarket safety issues identified by the Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology (OSE) and how recommendations of the OSE are handled within the Agency; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1905. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to support crop insurance for specialty crops, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BAR-RASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1906. A bill to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1907. A bill to promote transparency by permitting the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board to allow its disciplinary proceedings to be open to the public, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 1908. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the employment tax treatment and reporting of wages paid by professional employer organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 1909. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for the issuance of Buy Back America Bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1910. A bill to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 1911. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1912. A bill to prohibit the Department of Energy from subordinating its position in energy loan guarantees to outside investors; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1913. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to prescribe regulations requiring air carriers to provide passengers with certain amenities and facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1914. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for performance based home energy improvements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. Res. 334. A resolution designating the week of November 6 through November 12, 2012, as "Veterans' Education Awareness Week."; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 335. A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Evelyn H. Lauder; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 336. A resolution to permit the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 436

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 436, a bill to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale.

S. 626

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the shipping investment withdrawal rules in section 955 and to provide an incentive to reinvest foreign shipping earnings in the United States.

S. 810

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 810, a bill to prohibit the conducting of invasive research on great apes, and for other purposes.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the ju-

risdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to certain sporting good articles, and to exempt those articles from a definition under that Act.

S. 1277

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1277, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the incentives for the production of biodiesel.

S. 1591

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1591, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Raoul Wallenberg, in recognition of his achievements and heroic actions during the Holocaust.

S. 1597

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1597, a bill to provide assistance for the modernization, renovation, and repair of elementary school and secondary school buildings in public school districts and community colleges across the United States in order to support the achievement of improved educational outcomes in those schools, and for other purposes.

S. 1680

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1680, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1727

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1727, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Navy to conduct a review of military service records of Jewish American veterans of World War I, including those previously awarded a military decoration, to determine whether any of the veterans should be posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, and for other purposes.

S. 1776

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1776, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand the Operation Hero Miles program to include the authority to accept the donation of travel benefits in the form of hotel points or awards for free or reduced-cost accommodations.

S. 1817

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1817, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for